



Council Newsletter

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES April 5, 2018

Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet on **Monday, April 9, 2018**. A Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

City Council will meet on **Monday, April 16, 2018**. A Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Informational Items

The following attachments are in response to City Council requests, as well as other informational items.

1. Englewood Herald article: Coalition emerges to fight homelessness in Englewood
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Coalition emerges to fight homelessness in Englewood

Change the Trend Network forms amid changing landscape of struggle in Englewood area

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Over the past few years, a lone person standing on a busy street corner holding a sign, or resting against a building in public, has become a more common sight in a once unusual place — the metro suburbs.

Englewood has been no exception, just a few miles directly south of the homelessness hub of the downtown Denver area.

“Ignoring it and saying there’s nothing we can do, it’s not our fault, it’s not our problem, doesn’t work,” said Nathan Hoag, a parish pastor, during a recent panel discussion on homelessness at the Englewood Civic Center.

Hoag sat at the table with leaders from nonprofits, faith-based groups and the Englewood police in front of an audience of more than 140 — about as packed as the Englewood community room gets — as part of the Change the Trend Network’s first public event to engage Englewood in a conversation about a question many ask but few, if any, have answers to.

What’s the solution?

“And by the way, we don’t have the answer — we don’t have the solution,” said Boo Crosby, restaurant manager at Cafe 180, at the forum.

“That’s why we’re here.”

A group called Unite Englewood that includes local churches and faith-based groups — started roughly a decade ago — had come over the years to push for action on certain issues Englewood has faced. The organization initially came together to build networking relationships among Englewood’s faith community.

Last spring, Unite Englewood worked with the Englewood police to sponsor a series of conversations about homelessness.

The task force that arose out of that group last summer became the Change the Trend Network.

After two introductory statements to the Englewood City Council, Change the Trend came forward with the March 22 forum, where residents engaged in conversation with the coalition.

A network of agencies is necessary to tackle the problem, said Hoag, the pastor at The Sacred Grace Englewood, during the discussion. The crowd being there for the forum is the first step, another panelist added.

Hard data on homelessness in the city isn't tracked by the City of Englewood or the police, but anecdotal accounts reflect a rise in visible homelessness that's extended for years.

Officers with the Englewood Police Department have noticed a general increase in contacts with homeless individuals over the past several years, according to Sgt. Reid McGrath.

"Homelessness is a regional issue that has been increasing over time," said Eric Keck, Englewood city manager. "There are many theories on causality, including the passage of Amendment 64 but also the rapidly rising cost of housing in Colorado along the Front Range, which has forced many people to lose their homes."

Crosby, who works in Englewood, said three to four years ago, he'd see fewer people on the street who appeared to be homeless.

"That's due to the issues that Denver is having with their homeless (population), and it seems like a lot of folks are starting to move south into Englewood and Littleton," Crosby said. "It's not a problem that's decreasing whatsoever."

Criminalizing homelessness doesn't work, Hoag said at the forum. McGrath echoed that.

"Law enforcement across the nation, I think we've realized, using criminal enforcement is not going to solve this problem," McGrath said.

His police department learns from Denver on some ways to address the problem, but Englewood police don't engage in large oustings of homeless individuals from a given area — known as "sweeps" — which have occurred in recent years in Denver. McGrath said he's not convinced they address the problem, and that he hopes it doesn't come to a point where Englewood police have to do them.

Other local government officials are involved in the conversation, too. The audience included Englewood city officials as well as Arapahoe County Commissioner Kathleen Conti, who represents county District 1, which includes Englewood.

Change the Trend recognizes it isn't starting out with all the answers, but the panel shared a few ideas. One person in the crowd asked if there is any safe place for people on the street to be able to put their belongings while they go looking for jobs.

"The answer, right now, is no," said Lynn Ann Huizingh, executive director of the Severe Weather Shelter Network.

One solution Change the Trend is looking into is developing a locker program. The group has talked with city employees about the viability of such a project, but it intends to find funding for the venture through collaboration by Change the Trend's organizations, rather than proposing it be funded by the city.

An approach known as "housing first" also was raised in the conversation, with Hoag telling the audience that in services, a homeless person costs a state thousands of dollars more per year, per person, than providing housing for that person would.

"Housing first" includes access to housing, crisis intervention, follow-up support and therapeutic services to prevent recurrence of homelessness, as defined by Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, a Denver-based organization.

Crosby, from Cafe 180, which provides meals in exchange for volunteer service for those who can't pay, encouraged people to get involved, no matter how much. Crosby said Change the Trend wants to work with business leaders, residents and anyone else in Englewood — anybody can help, he said.

"The woman who started the cafe had a saying," Crosby said at the event. "If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot."

<http://www.Englewoodherald.net/stories/englewoods-arbor-day-tree-sale-is-april-21,260147>



Englewood's Arbor Day tree sale is April 21

Posted Friday, March 30, 2018 8:35 pm
Staff report

Englewood Parks and Recreation and the library plan their annual Arbor Day tree sale.

Among the trees available for sale are Eastern redbud, bigtooth maple, red oak, standing ovation serviceberry, amur flame maple, Austrian pine, spearmint juniper, honeycrisp apple, bing cherry and elberta peach.

Trees will be sold to Englewood residents only, and the cost is \$35. One tree per household, only. ID must show Englewood residency. Sales begin at 8 a.m. April 21, at Cushing Park, and will continue until the trees are sold out. Go to <http://www.Englewoodco.gov/> for more information.

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mon., Apr. 9	6:00 p.m.	Study Session
Tues., Apr. 10	3:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., Apr. 11	CANCELLED	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., Apr. 12	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Malley Recreation Center, 3380 S. Lincoln St.
Mon., Apr. 16	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Mon., Apr. 16	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Apr. 17	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Apr. 18	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Apr. 23	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., Apr. 24	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
Wed., May 2	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
Mon., May 7	2:00 p.m.	Malley Center Trust Fund, Malley Recreation Center
	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., May 8	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	NonEmergency Employees Retirement Plan
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room

	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., May 9	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., May 10	2:30 p.m.	Police Officers Pension Board
	3:30 p.m.	Firefighters Pension Plan Board
	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Englewood Recreation Center Aquatics Room, 1155 W. Oxford Ave.
	6:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee, City Council Conf-Room
Mon., May 14	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., May 15	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
Wed., May 16	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., May 21	6:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., May 22	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Thurs., May 24	TBD	Town Hall Meeting on ADUs, Community Room
Tues., May 29	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Wed., May 30	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
Mon., June 4	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., June 5	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., June 6	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room

TENTATIVE
STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

April 9	Study Session MOA Presentation Presentation on Homelessness (Reid McGrath) Emergency Management Discussion Council Strategy Creation Discussion Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Preparation
April 16	Study Session Board & Commission Reappointment Discussion Council Policy Manual Discussion
April 16	Regular Meeting
April 23	Study Session Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Preparation Council Policy Manual Discussion Discussion of Joint Use Agreement for the Littleton-Englewood WWTP
April 30	5 th Monday – No Meeting Scheduled
May 7	Regular Meeting
May 14	Study Session Homelessness Discussion Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Preparation
May 21	Regular Meeting
May 24	Town Hall Meeting on ADUs
May 29	Study Session Discussion of ADUs Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Preparation
June 4	Regular Meeting
June 11	Study Session
June 18	Regular Meeting
June 25	Study Session Police Building Project Update
July 16	Regular Meeting

July 19	Joint Meeting with Littleton City Council on Wastewater Treatment Plant
July 23	Study Session
July 30	5 th Monday – No Meeting Scheduled
July 2	Regular Meeting
July 9	Study Session

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Board & Commission Presentations
 Englewood Arts Hampden Hall Agreement Update
 Small Cell Technology Discussion
 Youth Commission Discussion
 Building Use Tax Discussion
 Immigration Policy Discussion
 Home Rule Charter Amendment Discussion
 Home Rule Charter Review
 Aid to Other Agencies Funding Discussion
 ULI Healthy Corridor Report Study

Boards and Commissions

Board and Commission Interviews (January and June)
 Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee
 Board of Adjustment and Appeals
 Budget Advisory Committee
 Code Enforcement Advisory Board (May)
 Cultural Arts Commission
 Election Commission
 Englewood Housing Authority (February)
 Keep Englewood Beautiful Commission (May)
 Liquor Licensing Authority
 Fire Pension, Police Pension and Retirement Board
 Parks and Recreation Commission
 Planning and Zoning Commission (February)
 Public Library Board (June)
 Transportation Advisory Committee
 Urban Renewal Authority
 Water and Sewer Board